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Norway and Poland: draft resolution

United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, by which it decided to establish the United Nations Development Fund for Women as a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the catalytic role of the Fund in developing further and strengthening women's empowerment and the gender perspective of development programmes in recipient countries and in increasing synergy with other United Nations organizations,

Recognizing the important contribution the Fund continues to make in providing technical assistance to enable Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to formulate and support innovative activities that directly benefit and empower women,

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Recognizing also the position of the Fund as a specialized resource base and its role in the implementation of the recommendations and actions called for in the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action,[1]

Noting the focused and responsive interventions of the Fund within the framework of its strategy and business plan and its overall strategic approach to women's empowerment and gender equality,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[2]

2. Encourages the Fund to continue to contribute to engendering mainstream development efforts of Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and civil society;

3. Also encourages the Fund to strengthen its work within the United Nations system at the national level through the resident coordinator system, focusing on strategic interventions and building upon its comparative advantages, in order to promote systemic change, in particular with regard to women's political and economic empowerment;

4. Requests the Fund to support innovative and experimental activities within the context of commitments made in the Beijing Platform of Action;

5. Endorses the role of the Fund in strengthening women's economic capacity and encouraging women to become key economic players to combat the feminization of poverty and take advantage of new economic opportunities;

6. Reaffirms the Fund's work in engendering governance and leadership that increase women's participation in decision-making processes that shape their lives;

7. Recognizes the important role the Fund plays in promoting the realization of women's civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights to facilitate their full participation in their societies;

8. Welcomes the operationalization of the Trust Fund in Support of Action to Eliminate Violence Against Women, and requests the United Nations Development Fund for Women to disseminate information on best practices and strategic interventions funded under this initiative that should contribute to the eradication of violence against women as an obstacle to development;

9. Stresses the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme directions related to the activities of the Fund;

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[1] Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] A/52/300, annex.

10. Urges all Member States to contribute, and to consider increasing their contributions, to the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and encourages the Fund to mobilize resources for its future activities from all available sources, including the private sector;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, to be submitted in accordance with resolution 3[illegible]/12[illegible].